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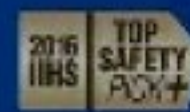
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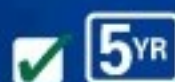
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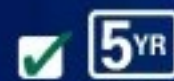
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Airbnb Toronto data 'alarming'

HOMESHARING

City snoozing on regulations for short-term rentals



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We have the numbers. Now we need action.

That was the call Wednesday

from Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam as Airbnb outlined the size and scope of the company's short-term rentals in Toronto.

The data — the first of its kind released by the company — shows there are 8,600 so-called "hosts" making rooms, houses, condos and apartments available in the city. It accounts for more than 50 per cent of the hosts across Ontario.

Wong-Tam called the figures "alarming," saying the city should use them to move "further" and "faster" on adopting regulations

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**It just shows you
how slow the city
is responding.**

Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam

for the industry.

It's been almost a year since Wong-Tam proposed regulations. The first report is due back to the municipal licensing and standards committee next month. But, instead of outlining options,

it will only deal with how to establish a regulatory framework.

Actual rules will only come after further discussion, which, of course, will take more time.

"It just shows you how slow the city is responding to, what to me, was a simple request," Wong-Tam said.

In the meantime, concerns continue to grow about Airbnb's impact on affordable housing, crime and what Wong-Tam called the "demolition" of hotels.

Alex Dagg, public policy manager for Airbnb Canada, recon-

firmed Wednesday that the company is open to "reasonable" discussions about regulating the industry.

Counter to concerns from Wong-Tam and others, Dagg said the new data "tells the story of who the Airbnb community is in Toronto: people primarily sharing their own homes, sharing less than 90 days per year and earning less than \$4,000 typical income.

"That's really an affordable housing strategy for the families that are using this platform,"

she added.

Tom Slee, a member of the Fairbnb coalition that is advocating regulation, called the report's numbers "misleading"

"They always talk about the median host, the typical host, and I think that gives an inaccurate picture of the effect on the community," he said.

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Visualizing better T.O. streets

INFRASTRUCTURE

City staff asked photogs to submit photos of ideal setups



Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Whether it's bike lanes on Bloor, sidewalk patios on the Danforth

or a wholesale reimagining of downtown King Street, the City of Toronto is looking for ways to make its streets a bit more complete. City staff is preparing a set of guidelines aimed at making Toronto's roadways more inclusive for cyclists, pedestrians and transit users. The policy will go to council in the winter.

As part of the process, staff invited aspiring photographers to submit pictures of what they believe complete streets look like, both at home and abroad.

Those pictures will help shape future policies.

"Streets are places we experience with our senses and words can't always express that. So photos are a great way to see how Torontonians think," said Adam Popper, manager of the complete streets project.

More than 780 photos were submitted, and a panel of three judges has narrowed the list down to 10 finalists. There's also a separate shortlist for photographers younger than 18.

+ HAVE YOUR SAY

The public has until Sept. 20 to pick their favourite images from the city's complete streets photo contest. Voting can be done online at cityoftoronto.fluidsurveys.com

"Youth are an important group to engage. It's the city they're inheriting," Popper said.

The public has until Sept. 20 to vote in their favourite photos.

The images range from shots of sidewalk cafes and suburban bike lanes in Amsterdam to pics of the new Union Station market and Queen's Quay.

Matthew Blackett, publisher of Spacing Magazine, helped judge the competition. He said many of the local photos illustrated how few streets in Toronto are truly complete. "I think it's still a foreign concept to a lot of us. What does a complete street look like

in the Toronto context?" he said.

Blackett said the city is "moving in the right direction" on complete streets — evidenced by the protected bike lanes on Richmond and Adelaide streets — and he hopes the photo contest will keep that momentum going.

"Our offices and the store are right on Richmond. Cycling traffic rivals car traffic in terms of sheer numbers," he said. "We need to recognize our streets are being used in different ways and allocate that space more equitably."



Finalists

1 Front St. W. at Union Station, Toronto LESLIE BROWN

2 Amsterdam, Netherlands FRANK HUTCHINGS

3 Unknown suburb in the Netherlands BRANDON QUIGLEY

4 John Street, Toronto NAZILA ATARODI

5 Queens Quay, Toronto AMIR MADDAH

6 Amsterdam, Netherlands FLORA MANATA

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School bans juice boxes

REGULATIONS

EcoSchool an ecowarrior on subject of reusables

Juice boxes — little packages of fruity, sugary happiness, staple of many a child's lunch bag.

And, according to an eco-friendly Riverdale school, wrong.

In a note sent out as part of a back-to-school package, Jackman Avenue Junior Public School encourages parents to pack litterless lunches for their children by putting food and drinks in reusable containers before zeroing in on Enemy No. 1 — "NO JUICE BOXES."

"Kids don't understand how to dispose of juice boxes. They put them in the garbage instead of recycling them. Wrong," the note reads.

"They put them in the recycling but forget to remove the straw. Wrong.

"They put them in the recycling but their (sic) still half full. Wrong. They leave them on the floor in the lunchroom. Wrong."



Jackman Avenue PS finds juice boxes a recycling nightmare. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The "wrong" is a reference to a game played during assemblies where a staff member holds up a piece of garbage and asks students whether it's being put in the "right" or "wrong" place, Principal Rory Sullivan explained, conceding that it may not have been the best word choice in the context of the note.

"What we noticed in the

school is that the one thing that remains is juice boxes left around on the floor, on the table, and so we've been reminding the kids that they have to go home as part of the litterless program," he said.

Jackman is a platinum-certified EcoSchool, the highest level of certification possible in the Toronto District School

Board's EcoSchools program. That requires participating institutions to get recertified every year; among the criteria is that schools not only teach environmentally friendly concepts but put them into action.

"Students are encouraged to bring litterless lunches and we compost all organic matter. We also have a recycling program for paper, bottles, cans, juice boxes and ink cartridges."

Maria Saras-Voutsinas, communications co-chair for the Jackman Avenue parent council, said she and other parents take great pride in the school's eco-friendly approach and platinum certification.

"This part of the package when you go to Jackman. We're an EcoSchool and we're an EcoSchool for a reason, a platinum EcoSchool," she said.

At least one parent found humour in the battle against the juice container.

"The Criminalization of the Juice Box: A Riverdale Story," tweeted Andrea Addario along with a photo of the juice-box note. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



MARIJUANA

Police officer rethinks medical pot sideline

A Durham police officer for six months co-owned an unlicensed medical marijuana company that offers consumers pot brownies and other products the government says are illegal to sell.

And veteran Const. Phil Edgar, who once received a commendation for numerous marijuana busts, did it with the blessing of his police force.

After the Toronto Star began asking questions, Edgar said he "stepped back" from the marijuana company — Living On Inc. — and is weighing whether he wants to continue a career

of policing or branch into the budding medical weed business.

Durham Regional Police Service refused to answer questions about whether it was appropriate for an active police officer to be involved in this kind of business, and why it approved Edgar's request to co-own the company.

Living On is a medical marijuana company headquartered on First Nations land in Port Perry.

It does not have a licence from Health Canada to sell medical pot.

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IN BRIEF

Pedestrian hit by car

A pedestrian, 23, was sent to hospital with life-threatening injuries Wednesday after being hit by a car on Danforth Road north of Barrymore Road in Scarborough. Driver Kunal Bulland, 33, is charged with impaired driving causing bodily harm and driving over the legal limit causing harm. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Developer may be fined

Vaughan has laid charges against a developer and two companies after an investigation found 10 trees were chopped down without a permit. The city's bylaws allows for a fine of \$1,000 per tree or a total \$10,000. Corporations can face a maximum fine of \$25,000. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Noisy horde to emerge

INSECTS

After 17 years dormant, cicadas return to the world



Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

The cicadas are restless.

If you've noticed a strange hum while walking around Toronto, don't worry: you don't have tinnitus. Turns out a bumper crop of cicadas — the buzzing cousin of the beetle — is behind the sound.

Cicadas have one of the most interesting life cycles of any insect. They spend most of their lives underground, emerging to mate and reproduce.

A number of cicada species emerge every summer from Toronto's soil, but, this year, a large "brood" of cicadas are appearing after nearly two decades underground, said Tim Cooley, a biologist with the Ontario Science Centre.



This year, a bumper crop of cicadas is emerging in Toronto after spending the last 17 years underground. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"They develop so slowly, it takes them 17 years to come out," Cooley said. "They can all emerge, hundreds of thousands

of them, at one time."

This year's warm temperatures have played a role in the cicada boom, Cooley said.

The insects wait for the soil to be at least 18 C before coming up, and prefer warm and dry weather.

“They can all emerge, hundreds of thousands of them, at one time.”

Tim Cooley

After they crawl up from the earth, cicada nymphs cling to a tree before shedding their exoskeleton and flying into the trees. Once ensconced in the leaves, the males emit a buzzing sound from an organ in their abdomen to attract a mate.

"Everyone thinks they're power lines humming," Cooley said.

Aside from the noise — and a bevy of people posting pictures of discarded cicada skins on social media — the cicada explosion has few side effects.

Other insects, like aphids or the emerald ash borer, are far more damaging to local flora, Cooley said. And, unlike some bugs, cicadas don't pose a risk to humans.

"The nice thing for us is that they don't bite," he said.

IMMIGRATION

Syrian needs papers from war zone

Mohamed Ali Nahas lost his first wife and two teenage sons to the Syrian war. Now, he's worried his new wife will suffer the same fate, because of what his lawyer calls Canada's "inhuman" immigration bureaucracy.

The Hamilton café owner was introduced to Zainab Jarboh — now stuck in the besieged city of Aleppo — by mutual friends. He says they married in neighbouring Turkey in December 2014, before he returned to Canada and applied to sponsor her in early 2015.

In January, the Canadian visa post in Jordan rejected the application because Nahas, 44, and Jarboh, 28, were unable to produce their marriage registration and his first wife's death certificate from Aleppo, which has been trapped in a pitched battle between Daesh militants and Syrian and Russian forces.

"Zainab is now by herself in Aleppo, moving from shelter to shelter. I don't want to lose her," said Nahas.

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Wynne hints at hydro relief

ELECTRICITY

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Wynne told reporters Wednesday she was getting that

message from homeowners and tenants across the province even before the governing Liberals lost Thursday's Scarborough-Rouge River byelection.

"We heard concerns at the doors in Scarborough-Rouge River, and, quite frankly, those concerns are things that we now have to take to heart and we have to use them to inform our actions going forward," she said, referring to the victory by Progressive Conservative Raymond Cho.

"One of the things that we



heard most consistently was hydro rates. I heard about electricity rates in the north. It is

not something that is isolated in one riding in Toronto. This is a concern across the province. I recognize that."

Wynne said she has instructed Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault, who was appointed in June, to examine "ways to help people bear the costs in their day-to-day lives."

"It's an urgent issue for the minister of energy," the premier said, admitting there has been "a cost associated with" government investments in electricity infrastructure that

are being borne by ratepayers.

"We have had to make upgrades. We had to make the investments that we made to have a reliable energy system, electricity system in this province," she said.

"We understand that we need to take that into account and come up with increasing or further mitigations. We haven't done enough ... there's more that we have to do," said Wynne, who did not elaborate on the details.

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Servers to get training

Bartenders and servers are among thousands of frontline workers about to get training on how to "identify and intervene" in incidents of sexual harassment and violence involving colleagues and customers.

Ontario is spending \$1.7 million on education for staff and managers in the hospitality, community service, aboriginal, school and university sectors as part of the Liberal "It's Never Okay" campaign to stop sexual violence and harassment.

"Attitudes are changing, but changing behaviour, I think we all will agree, takes longer," Women's Issues Minister Tracy MacCharles said Wednesday at a downtown bar.

The training will teach workers "how to intervene in a safe way," MacCharles told reporters, saying the response depends on circumstances.

"It could be calling the authorities," said Labour Minister Kevin Flynn. "Maybe it's saying something to somebody across the bar."

Concerns about sexual harassment in the hospitality industry led to a conference a year ago called Kitchen Bitches: Smashing the Patriarchy One Plate at a Time.

About 25,000 frontline hospitality workers will be trained under the government's new program, said Fatima Finnegan of the Ontario Restaurant, Hotel and Motel Association, which will develop training for bartenders, servers and managers with a \$300,000 grant.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GENDER IDENTITY

Hockey changing its playbook for trans players



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Three years after he filed a human rights complaint against Hockey Canada, Jesse Thompson is thrilled to see the league changing its playbook when it comes to transgender athletes.

"Honestly, I feel like I have helped a lot of kids go out there and be themselves on ice," said Thompson, a Grade 12 student at Durham Alternative School in Oshawa.

Starting this month, all Ontario branches of Hockey Canada are required to allow amateur trans hockey players to use whichever locker room they wish, based on their gender identity.

Next year, the organization will roll out extensive training for its 30,000 coaches and trainers on transgender inclusion.

It all started in 2013, when Thompson, then 17, was denied access to the locker room the rest of his teammates were using. Worse yet, they wouldn't let him use the girls' change room either.

"I was really mad and upset," he said, noting the incident "outed" him as trans and exposed him to harassment and bullying.

"I didn't see a problem at all. I wasn't making anyone uncomfortable and I wasn't uncomfortable myself."

A year later, he couldn't put up with it anymore. With the help of his mother and the Ontario Human Rights Commission, he filed a discrimination case against Hockey Canada, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and the Oshawa Church Hockey League.

A settlement was reached the following year requiring Hockey Canada to amend its dressing room policies.



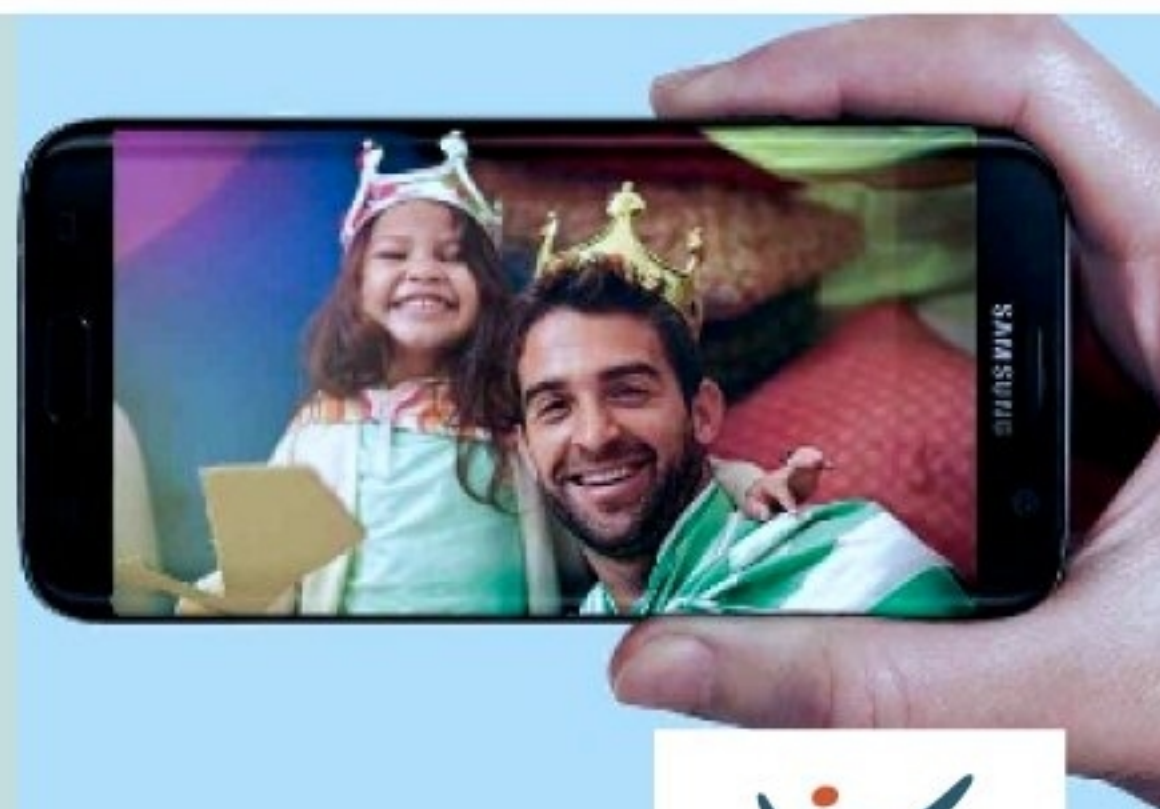
Jesse Thompson, a transgendered teenaged boy from Oshawa, filed a human rights complaint in Ontario against Hockey Canada in 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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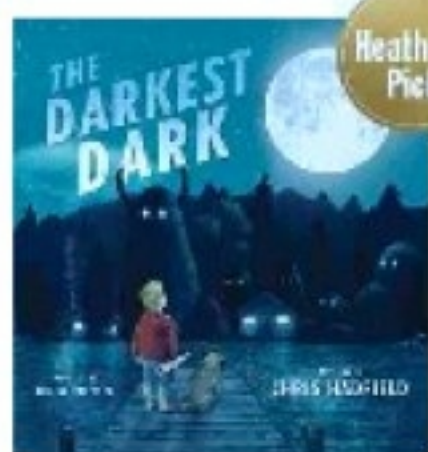
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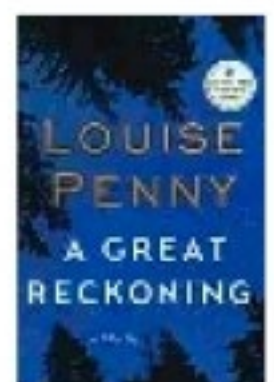


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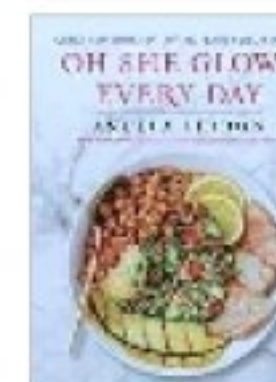
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Tory steps into subway sauna



TTC commuter Bianca Spence first tweeted at Mayor John Tory after a particularly sweltering subway ride in July. She hopes Tory will keep his tropical subway trip in mind when debating future transit cuts. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

metro EFFECT Mayor accepts challenge from Twitter, makes promise for '17

May Warren
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Like many frustrated TTC commuters, Mayor John Tory arrived sweaty and slightly late for an appointment Wednesday after a Bloor-Danforth subway ride without air conditioning.

Tory said a "perfect storm" of rush hour crowding, heat and emergency delays helped him to better understand the challenges subway riders face. But, he was short on specifics about how to ensure the cars are cooler next summer.

The mayor took the ride after a Twitter challenge from commuter Bianca Spence, who wanted Tory to experience the mobile sauna firsthand. Tory accepted her challenge after pressure from Metro in late August.

Tory's ride was closed to media, but he met a crush of cameras and microphones outside Kipling station, where the mayor assured commuters "we will do better next year and going forward."

Line 2 cars will be "rigorously" inspected before next summer, he said, with the hope of making preventative repairs. Roughly one in five cars on the line have been without air conditioning all summer.

As soon as some are fixed, others break down, Tory said.

Despite his pledge to make the TTC cooler next year, Tory is sticking to his guns and asking the TTC to find ways to cut its budget by 2.6 per cent in 2017.

Matti Siemiatycki, associate professor in planning and geography at the University of Toronto, said the air-conditioning problem is "both a symbol and a symptom of the issues that the transit system is facing."

"If the investment isn't made we'll see a cascade of issues that arrive that are not entirely predictable but are expected," he told Metro.

Spence was hailed as a hero

on social media for getting the mayor into a hot car, but after the ride she insisted she's just a "regular sweaty, disgruntled person."



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Matti Siemiatycki, associate professor in planning and geography at the U of T

She hopes the mayor's ride will help inform his future decisions on transit and that the "level of service will be totally different" by next year.

As for their ride together, there were a couple of moments where the mayor "looked uncomfortable," she said. "But I packed a water bottle so I was OK."

Apartment debate also heating up

From sweltering subway riders to overheated tenants

The heat hasn't only been an issue for subway riders this summer. The record-breaking temperatures had tenants in Toronto apartments without air conditioning wiping their brows in frustration.

When asked Wednesday for his thoughts on establishing a maximum temperature bylaw

for apartments, Mayor John Tory said it would require the private sector to make a "substantial investment" in air conditioning.

"I know that the hot weather poses some issues for some people with respect to medical issues, but I think it's a different question, and it's a much bigger one in some respects, than is the ques-

tion of heating buildings in wintertime," he said.

The Toronto Board of Health has started consultations with tenants and landlords about such a bylaw at the urging of Coun. Mary Fragedakis.

But, no action is expected on the issue until next spring — at the earliest.

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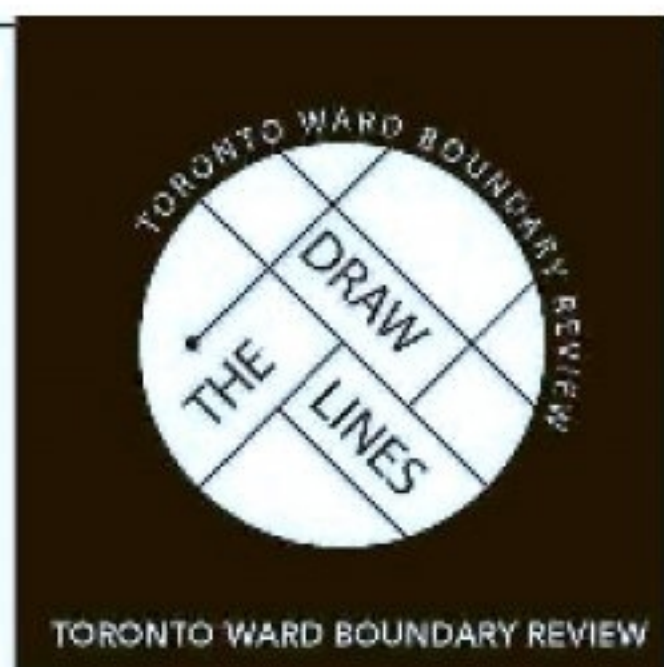
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Airbnb report raises questions

Airbnb released its first comprehensive look at activity in Toronto on Wednesday. Metro breaks down some of the key findings, and what the company's critics say about them.

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Thorben Wieditz, a researcher with a union that represents hospitality workers and a member of the Fairbnb coalition, said the figures raise "a lot of questions" about taxes paid on the income.

"The tax question is a big one. Obviously, various levels of government are interested in that," he said.

Wieditz said that might be pointing towards what the Fairbnb coalition has heard from some, "that people come from the 905 to party in the entertainment district and that they come for big events."

\$4,430

Median annual earnings being pocketed by the city's Airbnb hosts. However, **11 per cent of local hosts are earning in excess of \$19,170 per year.**

55%

The percentage of Airbnb guests who hail from Canada. Of those domestic guests, 61 per cent are from Ontario.



MEET YOUR TYPICAL AIRBNB HOST

According to data from Airbnb, the average age for hosts in Toronto is **37**, and most — **more than 50 per cent** — are women. The company says **the typical host is renting out space in their primary residence.**

5.4 days
The average Airbnb stay length.

61%
The number of local Airbnb trips made for vacation or leisure.

47
The number of nights per year a typical Toronto Airbnb listing is rented.

8,600

The number of registered Airbnb hosts in the city. Most are renting only one home, but **11 per cent are renting out two or more properties.**

2%

Portion of the city's housing stock listed on Airbnb. **Units or homes being rented 271 days a year or more** comprise less than 1 per cent of all homes in the city.

Wieditz said similar reports have been produced for other cities in recent months, but the numbers don't speak to social impacts.

"It paints a rosy picture but fails to address issues that we see arise in the city," he said.

Wieditz said it's more important to look at listings in neighbourhoods where there aren't a lot of apartments available to rent.

"We live in a city where hardly anyone can afford to rent or to own a place any more and by taking thousands of units off the market it just increases the demand, decreases the supply," he said.

Leitch digging in on proposed 'values' test

IDENTITY

Tory leader hopeful wants more vetting of newcomers

Kellie Leitch's Conservative leadership campaign is trying to goad rivals and caucus colleagues into reacting to her proposal that the federal government screen potential immigrants and refugees for anti-Canadian values.

The Ontario MP says her idea to vet newcomers for where they stand on issues such as religious tolerance and equality of opportunity would apply to visitors too, with her campaign saying she was referring to high-profile individuals such as the controversial American blogger known as Roosh V.

The Conservatives urged the Liberal government to bar the blogger from visiting Canada earlier this year and Leitch campaign manager Nick Kouvalis has pointed that out on social media as part of a series of tweets seeking responses from other leadership candidates.

Some candidates have weighed in, with Deepak Obhrai calling the idea insulting to immigrants, Michael Chong accusing Leitch of engaging in dog-whistle politics and Maxime Bernier saying there are better ways to integrate newcomers. Others, such as Tony Clement,



"I don't think it's intolerant to believe in a set of values that we expect everyone to share."

Kellie Leitch

Labour Minister Kellie Leitch is expanding her proposal to have the federal government screen potential immigrants and refugees for anti-Canadian values to include visitors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

have demurred, saying he wants to focus on his own campaign.

Conservative strategist Jason Liettaer says it is clear the Leitch campaign believes this is a winning idea — even if it's likely unworkable — and is trying to wedge rivals on the other side of the issue.

"I don't think it's intolerant to believe in a set of values that we expect everyone to share

here and include those people who are coming to visit or immigrate to Canada," Leitch said Tuesday in an interview.

The Ontario Conservative MP is standing by her controversial suggestion that immigration and refugee applicants be screened for what she referred to as anti-Canadian values, an idea her campaign floated in a questionnaire emailed to po-

tential supporters last week.

It generated a lot of reaction, including some from her own caucus, especially since Leitch had previously expressed regret for her role in promoting a controversial Conservative election campaign promise last year to establish a tip line for so-called "barbaric cultural practices," including forced marriage.

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COURTS

Mentor vouches for disgraced judge

A Manitoba justice says she was initially appalled by the comments a judge made to a sex-assault complainant but agreed to mentor him.

Deborah McCawley was the only witness Wednesday be-

about mentoring Camp.

"I wondered if I was wasting his time and his money. He was 63, a white South African male."

But she realized she was prejudging Camp.

"I myself was guilty of the kind of thinking I've spent my whole career railing against," she said.

McCawley said she went with her instinct that he was "very sincere and committed — and I never doubted

"He's not a misogynist. He is not a racist. He's extremely fair-minded."

Deborah McCawley

to determine whether he should keep his job.

"I was taken aback to say the least. I was quite appalled at some of the words, some of the language used," McCawley recalled thinking when first approached

that again."

Camp's comments while he was a provincial court judge in Calgary in 2014 led the Alberta Appeal Court to order a new trial for the man he acquitted.

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IN BRIEF

Feds' payroll woes add up

The federal government says it's going to cost at least \$40 million to \$50 million this year to straighten out its troubled new pay system.

However, officials say they are starting to see progress in their efforts to resolve the problems, and hope to be done by Oct. 31.

There are about 67,500 cases of federal workers with outstanding pay issues, down from more than 80,000 in mid-July.

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Ex-deputy premier of Saskatchewan sentenced

The former deputy premier of Saskatchewan has pleaded guilty to impaired driving.

The court heard that Don Morris had more than two and a half times the legal blood alcohol limit in his system when he was pulled over by RCMP last month in a construction zone.

Provincial court Judge Barbara Tomkins fined him \$1,820 and suspended his licence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trump slams the generals

U.S. POLITICS

Candidate says he'd give military deadline for plans to defeat Daesh

Levelling unusually harsh criticism against the military, Donald Trump said Wednesday night that America's generals have been "reduced to rubble" under President Barack Obama and suggested he would fire some of them if he wins in November.

Trump's comments came during a televised national security forum where he and Democratic rival Hillary Clinton each fielded 30 minutes of questions about their experience and judgment to be commander in chief. While the candidates never appeared on stage together, their back-to-back sessions served as a preview of sorts for their upcoming presidential debates.

By virtue of a coin flip, Clinton took the stage first and quickly found herself responding at length to questions about her years in government. She reiterated that she had made mistakes in relying on a personal email account and private server as



Donald Trump speaks with Matt Lauer at the NBC Commander-In-Chief Forum held at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space museum in New York on Wednesday. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

secretary of state and in voting for the 2003 invasion of Iraq as a senator. But she defended her support for U.S. military intervention to help oust a dictator in Libya, despite the chaotic aftermath.

Trump did little to counter the criticism that he lacks detailed policy proposals, particularly regarding Daesh. He both insisted he has a private blueprint for defeating the extremist group and that he would demand a

plan from military leaders within 30 days of taking office.

Asked to square his request for military options with his harsh criticism of the current crop of generals, Trump said simply: "They'll probably be dif-

ferent generals."

As a businessman with no substantial national security experience, Trump was also vague about how he is preparing for the enormous array of complex issues that would land on his desk as commander in chief. He cited his team of military advisers, but also said he has "a common sense" that will help him make decisions on foreign policy.

Trump also renewed his praise of Russian President Vladimir Putin for having "great control over his country." Trump's warm words about Putin have troubled some of his fellow Republicans who see the Russian leader as a threat to American allies in Europe.

With just two months until Election Day, national security has emerged as a centerpiece issue in the White House race. Both candidates believe they have the upper hand, with Clinton contrasting her experience with Trump's unpredictability and the Republican arguing that Americans worried about their safety will be left with more of the same if they elect President Barack Obama's former secretary of state.

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DIPLOMACY

Russia up to no good: U.S.

U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter accused Russia on Wednesday of sowing seeds of global instability and questioned whether Moscow genuinely wants a viable cease-fire in Syria.

In a hard-hitting speech at Oxford University, Carter emphasized deep skepticism about Russian intentions in Syria, even as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry weighed more talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Geneva. Their discussions last weekend, on the sidelines of an economic summit in China, failed to produce a nationwide cease-fire in Syria or a U.S.-Russian military co-operation agreement.

Russia is a firm supporter of Syrian President Bashar Assad, and their joint military operation has sometimes targeted the anti-Daesh rebels backed by the U.S. The Russian Foreign Ministry said Kerry and Lavrov would hold their next round of negotiations Thursday and Friday. But U.S. officials indicated the earliest the talks could happen is Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Wildfires hampered 2016 oilsands spending: Alberta

Alberta wildfires that swept through Fort McMurray in May have resulted in the loss of \$1 billion in planned capital spending in the oilsands for 2016, according to Alberta's chief energy economist.

Matt Foss said Wednesday he believes those plans are deferred, not cancelled. But he doesn't know when or if companies will resume their spending given benchmark oil prices that remain below break-even levels.

Foss said this dropped expected oilsands spending in the current year to \$18.5 billion from \$19.5 billion.

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Central bank holds key interest rate at 0.5 per cent

The Bank of Canada struck a note of caution Wednesday as it held its key interest rate target steady at 0.5 per cent and raised concerns about the disappointing export sector.

"While the strength in exports during July was encouraging, the ground lost over previous months raises the possibility that the profile for economic activity will be somewhat lower than anticipated," the central bank said.

The central bank said the risks for inflation have "tilted somewhat to the downside" though remained roughly in line with its expectations, with total inflation below the two per cent target and measures of core inflation around two per cent.

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Apple touts camera, wireless headphones

TECHNOLOGY

iPhone 7 sees jack removed in favour of better battery, sound

Apple's latest iPhone may be more notable for what's missing from previous models than what's being added. The iPhone 7 and 7 Plus unveiled Wednesday won't have an analog headphone jack — a longtime staple in just about every consumer electronics device that can play audio.

In doing so, Apple is betting that its legions of loyal fans will embrace the shift to wireless headphones — or, if they insist, that they won't mind using earbuds that plug into the iPhone's power port, or older headsets in conjunction with a new adapter.

The redesigned earbuds — with cord — will be included with the new iPhones, as well as an adapter for old headphones.

THE WIRELESS FUTURE LOOMS

But Apple is trying to push consumers to cut the cord with their headphones and make the leap into what it envisions as a "wireless future."

As part of the transition, Apple also is introducing wireless "AirPods" that will sell for \$160.

Getting rid of the 3.5 millimeter headphone jack helped Apple make its new iPhone slimmer, boost its battery lifetime and add other improvements,



The new Apple AirPods are shown during an event to announce new Apple products on Wednesday in San Francisco. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

including stereo speakers and a sharper camera. The iPhone 7 is also water resistant, a popular feature that rivals such as Samsung Electronics already have been offering.

BETTER CAMERA, FASTER PROCESSOR

The most significant upgrades to this year's models include a faster processor and a better camera, upgrades that Apple typically makes every year. The more expensive and larger iPhone 7 Plus boasts the biggest change, with two digital camera lenses. One

will be for wide-angle views and the other will have telephoto capabilities.

The new iPhones will debut Sept. 16 in the U.S., China and more than two dozen other countries. Orders will start this Friday.

APPLE WATCH

The company also used Wednesday's showcase to introduce a new generation of its smartwatches, which will include GPS tracking and enough water resistance to swim with, part of its effort to boost sales in its newest product line. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ POKÉMON GO

The Apple Watch will also get a popular new app later this year too.

Niantic Labs, the developer behind the cultural sensation Pokémon Go, announced Tuesday that the game will be released for the watch, building upon the apps already designed for the iPhone and Android devices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AFFORDABLE CABLE

Regulator questions TV bundles

The big four TV service providers are defending how they rolled out new, trimmed-down TV packages earlier this year, denying in hearings Wednesday that they were being "paternalistic" with customers by placing restrictions on the cheapest of their offerings.

The chairman of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission opened two days of hearings studying the new basic cable and satellite packages, saying consumers question their overall value.

"We received a number of comments from satisfied Canadians," said CRTC chairman Jean Pierre Blais. "Other Canadians are dissatisfied and shared their concerns and frustrations about the way some providers are offering the affordable basic package."

The "skinny basic" TV packages were mandated March 1, along with multi-channel bundles. Blais said a common consumer complaint was that providers made it complicated to switch services, noting that Rogers Inc., required customers to visit a Rogers store to finalize selections.

Prior to introducing its \$24.95 "starter" package in March, Bell Canada sales staff in Atlantic Canada were directed not to promote the lower-tier service, BCE's Robert Malcolmson confirmed.

Hundreds of complaints were received by the CRTC centred on requirements imposed by some providers to buy other services — such as Internet — as a bundle.

The hearings were held in advance of a Dec. 1 deadline for the TV providers to offer both small channel packages and individual channels, on top of their smaller basic packages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON ANTI-CANADIAN VALUES SCREENING



Many of Kellie Leitch's rivals are right in their assessment that the Conservative party leadership candidate's proposal would be divisive for the party in the short term and counterproductive for the Conservatives in the longer one.

Growing up in the late 1960s in Toronto one commonly ran into otherwise well-meaning people who claimed that francophone parents who sought to have their children schooled in French were determined to keep their families out of the Canadian mainstream.

École secondaire Étienne-Brûlé — Toronto's first French-language public high school — opened in September 1970, about a month before the kidnappings by the Front de libération du Québec (FLQ) of a provincial cabinet minister, who later died in captivity, and a British diplomat.

At the time the school was the target of enough anonymous threats to warrant extra police protection. Indeed, days before it opened, a neighbour told me bluntly that the wooden barracks that were the temporary home of my new high school would be burned down before year's end.

Had a government at the time of the War Measures Act set up a snitch line to report on so-called barbarian cultural practices or their 1970 equivalent, the French-speaking communities that lived outside Quebec would have been considered by many as the ground zero for the fostering of anti-Canadian values.

Those were the days when an English-rights manifesto famously titled Bilingual Today, French Tomorrow became a bestseller in some circles. The then-Progressive Conservative party in particular was home to a solid contingent of followers who thought a Quebec-led federal government was out to use official bilingualism to wipe the English language and the country's British heritage and values off the Canadian map.

The masterminds behind the residential school system that destroyed the

social fabric of so many of Canada's indigenous communities were even more imbued with notions of superiority as to their values.

Given the long and mostly dishonourable history of the quest for a "unified" Canadian identity, it is hard to fathom what federal Conservative party leadership candidate Kellie Leitch is thinking when she uses such a pursuit to justify screening would-be immigrants for so-called anti-Canadian values.

A charitable explanation would be that she skipped her history classes on the way to her medical degree. But what about more recent history including that of her own party?

Among the values Leitch believes Canada should require support for from future immigrants, gender equality has pride of place. Fair enough. But many religions do not treat men and women equally. The Cath-

olic Church for one does not. It denies women access to the priesthood. It frowns on contraception, has long been at the forefront of the fight against abortion rights and opposes same-sex marriage. On that basis, would Leitch subject the values of prospective Catholic immigrants to special scrutiny? Moving on to gay rights and discrimination based on sexual orientation, in the '90s, the Reform Party fought tooth and nail against added protection from hate crimes for Canada's gay community.

To this day, many of the supporters Leitch might hope to attract with her proposal to vet immigrants for purported anti-Canadian values would be hard-pressed to agree on what those could be.

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Old stereotypes bottled in new linguistic terms



Azeezah Kanji

The Canadian government's recent announcement that it will no longer call Daesh the "Islamic State" has been celebrated as a bold stand against Islamophobia.

"The group is neither Islamic nor a state, and so will be referred to as Daesh (its Arabic acronym)," Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale explained in this year's edition of the Public Report on the Terrorist Threat to Canada.

Names are important, and the misrepresentation of Islam as an inherently violent ideology is more deeply entrenched every time the name "Islamic State" is applied to an organization infamous for its atrocities. But anti-Muslim racism did not begin with the phrase "Islamic State," and it will not end with the decision to use "Daesh" instead.

The ubiquitous references

to the "Islamic State" are so pernicious only because of broader narratives persistently conflating Islam and terrorism. Otherwise, there would be little need for Goodale to clarify that a group comprising approximately 0.00006 per cent of the world's Muslim population, and condemned by large groups of leading Muslim scholars, cannot reasonably be described as "Islamic."

The tactic of using superficial changes in terminology to mask deeper continuities in counterterrorism policy is not a uniquely Canadian phenomenon. Similar verbal manoeuvres have been employed by politicians in other Western liberal democracies.

In Canada, the Trudeau government's seemingly sweet nectar of progress may turn out to be the same old bitter wine in new linguistic bottles.

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The iconic **Rémy Martin Louis XIII Cognac**, made from French champagne grapes, has some components that are aged 100 years. "It's my favourite cognac, the best of the best," Messam said.

Peychaud's cherry-scented bitters are milder than the angostura in a typical martini, so their flavour doesn't overwhelm the ultra-delicate liquors, Messam said.

Vermouth provides a hit of sweetness to round out the experience. This assertive, slightly oaky Italian variety is virtually impossible to find on store shelves in Canada — bars import it by the case.

Some scotches in **Johnny Walker Blue Label** blend are aged for 30 years, which lends complexity to the drink, Messam said.

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Shaken and stirred: bartending to stars



1 Corey Mehlenbacher, The Shangri-la bar

When you're working a bar in a luxury hotel, it's all about the poker face. "There's always that moment of (thinking), 'Oh wow! It's you!'" he says. Mehlenbacher fixes a mean cocktail, but that's not all he fixes.

"I had one A-list actress, she was complaining about her shoe," recalls Mehlenbacher, who grew up in Kohler, Ont., population 100. "There was a staple stuck in them. I took her shoe downstairs to our housekeeping department, got one of the girls down there to take out the staple, and brought it up just in time for her to go to her premiere."

TIFF Confessions



2 Alina Smith, Luma

Even though it's the festival's headquarters, Alina swears that the Lightbox attracts more celeb stalkers than actual celebs, though Rachel McAdams has made repeat visits. "Just engage people and enjoy talking to them about what they're doing," she says.



3 Joe McCanta, Soho House

Angelina Jolie grilled him on where he got the blood oranges for a cocktail he served at a 12 Years a Slave party on Oscar eve in Los Angeles. "She just knows exactly what she wants," says McCanta, who follows the festival circuit around the globe, hosting parties in Cannes, Venice and Toronto.



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4 Max Kye, Cibo

The self-proclaimed film buff was thrilled to work The Martian party last year, where, perhaps owing to the plentiful magnums of Super Tuscan wine, director Ridley Scott closed the party down. While Trumbo co-star John Goodman was "a great tipper and a cool, down-to-earth dude," Kye was especially enamoured by Jessica Chastain. "She gave me the most beautiful smile and I just floated back to the bar," he recalls. Would his girlfriend give him a pass if Chastain had offered more than a smile? "She would be one hundred percent down with it," Kye confidently proclaims. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/COURTESY GREY GOOSE

LASTING THE PACE IN TIFF FAST LANE

TIFF isn't just about the movies. For some, the Toronto International Film Festival means stalking the stars. TIFF is movie critic Richard Crouse's Super Bowl. In the festival's short 10 days, the Metro Canada film columnist will be run ragged. Here are some of his festival survival tips:

Morning pick-me-up:

Starbucks on any corner. It's all about convenience for Crouse, though he jokes that he'd like to say "baristas with hipster

names like Juniper and Atticus" make him fancy lattes. Instead, he orders a venti London Fog, with sugar-free vanilla and non fat milk. For a convenient bite in the morning, he'll hit up Canteen at the TIFF Bell Lightbox for their chia seed pudding or avocado toast.

Day and night eats:

Crouse lives off the "sweaty cheese cubes available in almost every TIFF-sanctioned publicity suite." For an escape from the chaos, he'll make a stop at Southern Accent on Markham Street for its "delicious" piquant shrimp.



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JESSICA ALLEN TIFF PRIMER: HOW TO BEHAVE AMONG THE BEAUTIFUL



TIFF Party insider

So far I have been invited to zero parties. But you, on the other hand, may find yourself in the enviable situation of scoring a coveted ticket. And I'm not talking about one of those gatherings that 500 average people attend and VIP areas corralling B-list celebrities are roped off. I'm talking about those private, intimate affairs, held at places like Soho House, where there are no ropes; where bona fide famous people show up and photographers camp out to prove it; where 20-something PR women dressed in black holding iPads control your destiny and, with one swift look, can make you feel like Oliver Twist showing up at the Ritz.

I am here to help you because over the years, not only was I an undercover TIFF interloper, gathering important details like what hand George Clooney picks up his glass of tequila with, I was also mentally collecting useful information about how to blend in and behave amongst A-listers.

1 Eat the food — You might as well because the celebrities aren't going to touch it. Seriously. The only time I saw a famous person lift a morsel to their mouth was Mark Ruffalo. (I just gave you another reason to love him.)

2 Find Harvey Weinstein — If you want to get close to said celebrities, you need to spot the media mogul. He will be the avuncular man with his dress shirt untucked. Famous people will line up to pay their respects. If you're average looking, like me, all the better because he will ignore you so you can grab a drink, as many meatballs as you can literally hold at one time, and settle in, undetected.

3 Don't talk to the famous people — You are not there to small-talk. Actually, I don't know why you're there but just don't. Just get more meatballs and watch.

4 Amendment to Tip 3 — Unless you smoke. Then good for you because so do a lot of celebrities and the smoking area functions as an equalizer. Bring extra darts because maybe Jeremy Irons or Kristen Stewart will ask to bum one.

5 Find the party photos — Why? Because usually there are no photos allowed at these parties so how will you prove you were there? Here's how: find the flash of the camera and station yourself nonchalantly in the frame. Come morning, obtain the party's press release and voila! You're famous!



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In wilder times, diversity is the driving force

TIFF 2016 Preview

Why western remake and winds of change set festival tone

The Toronto International Film Festival kicks off today by diving into the past while also reflecting the present.

Antoine Fuqua's remake of the 1960 western *The Magnificent Seven* makes its world premiere to open the 11-day fest. It offers a contemporary, relevant take on the genre with a multicultural cast not usually seen in westerns.

With stars including Denzel Washington and South Korea's Lee Byung-hun among the seven gun-slingers, the film speaks to one of the much-discussed elements of cinema today: diversity.

"In a funny way, this is a strong metaphor



The *Magnificent Seven* original and the more multicultural cast in the remake. CONTRIBUTED

for what's going on in America right now," says Piers Handling, director and CEO of TIFF.

"As so many great westerns do, they speak to the present, even though they're set in the past, and I think this is a microcosm of America: the stresses it's undergoing right now, a community under duress and a group of people very multi-ethnic coming together to save this community."

Then there are the political biopics that bring to mind the current U.S. presidential election. Barry looks at U.S. President Barack Obama's college days in New York City; Jackie stars Natalie Portman as Jacqueline Kennedy before and after the assassination of U.S.

president John F. Kennedy; and LBJ stars Woody Harrelson as Lyndon B. Johnson.

"In one way, movies are always of the moment, they're always products of the time they're made in," says TIFF artistic director Cameron Bailey. "But it feels like this year, filmmakers are going a little deeper in terms of exploring the volatility of what's happening around us right now."

"There's so much change happening, there's so much instability in the world, people are asking big questions maybe about how we get along with each other and we see that in the film."

Several other big films also look back while reflecting on the on-

+ THEN AND NOW

What a difference four decades make! Back in 1976, the day after the first festival ended, a headline in the *Toronto Star* noted: 'Marathon ends on a flat note'. Today, the TIFF is arguably the most influential of its kind in the world. Here are some numbers which show how it has blossomed in the past 40 years.

Dates

7 days — Oct. 18 to 24, 1976
11 days — Sept. 8 to 18, 2016

Movies

127 films from 30 countries (1976)
397 films from 71 countries (2016)

Audience numbers

35,000 (1976)
473,000 or more (2016 est.)

Credentialed media

145 (1976)
1,200 or more (2016 est.)

Galas

1 (1976)
16 (2016)

going topic of racial tensions. *The Birth of a Nation* looks at a slave rebellion; *A United Kingdom* and *Loving* feature interracial couples; and *Queen of Katwe* profiles a Ugandan chess champion.

"This is, I think, a part of overall larger conversations that we're having about shifts in the culture and I think especially about audience expectations," says Bailey.

"I think now, more than ever, audiences are looking to see their own experiences, their own histories reflected back at them from

the movie screen. And so I think we are beginning to see more films by and about people of African descent, of Asian descent, of Arab descent and of LGBT identity."

Also relevant to the times is Oliver Stone's *Snowden*. Joseph Gordon-Levitt stars as NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden in the real-life political thriller that reflects the growing issue of online privacy.

And don't forget Leonardo DiCaprio's climate-change doc *Before the Flood*.

Other much-anticipated titles include *La La Land*, a song-and-dance romance starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone. Quebec director Denis Villeneuve delves into sci-fi with the aliens drama *Arrival*. Actor Ewan McGregor makes his directorial debut on *American Pastoral*. And Dev Patel, Rooney Mara and Nicole Kidman star in the true orphan story *Lion*.

Nearly 400 films from 83 countries are in the lineup, which closes with *The Edge of Seventeen*.

Almost 140 of the films are world premieres while most have already made their debuts at other fests.

Going to TIFF after premiering at another fest still has great value, notes Oscar-nominated filmmaker Baz Luhrmann, director of the new Netflix series *The Get Down*.

"Strictly Ballroom was discovered at Cannes, but it was discovered by America at the Toronto film festival," he says.

"That is a great festival and it's a festival that says, 'You've arrived.' You get embraced there, you've arrived in North America, you've arrived in this part

of the world."

Winning the TIFF People's Choice Award also gets distributors "very excited," he adds.

"They go, 'Oh, audiences actually respond to this movie.' That's very meaningful."

Oscar-nominated filmmaker Werner Herzog, who will be at TIFF with *Salt and Fire*, says the fest has been a good launching pad for his films.

"I prefer festivals where there's a market attached, meaning that there's real business transaction done, real distributors acquiring a film and then distributing your film in theatres and Toronto is very, very good for that."

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INTERVIEW

Singer tries her hand at design, unveils new line for Puma

Rihanna says if the Addams Family worked out in the gym, they would sport her new collection for Puma.

The singer's autumn/winter 2016 Puma by Rihanna line was launched Tuesday.

The collection of mostly black-and-white ensembles includes loose sweaters and oversized pants, maxi dresses, sneakers, slippers and sneaker heels.

She called the clothes and items — wearable at the gym or not — “kind of haunting.”

“I kind of imagined if the Addams Family was working out, this is what they would be wearing,” Rihanna said in an interview.

“This collection is kind of dark, but very oversized and long. Everything is extra and I love it,” she said.

“It’s something I definitely wear all the time and you either have to be into it or not.”

She launched the line at pop-up shops at Foot Locker and Bergdorf Goodman in New York, where her feverish fans awaited the pop star’s arrival. She wore Puma head-to-toe, including white thigh-high boots, a long black skirt and a track jacket.

Rihanna, 28, talked about the new line and how Japanese street culture inspired her style.



Did you listen to music while designing this line?

I always listen to music no matter what I’m doing. Music is definitely always something that drives the mood and creating and helps you lock that in and escape to a whole other world, but I won’t say any of these pieces were specific to certain songs or album — they just came from a feeling. I already knew what I wanted and I knew what I wanted to

see and the direction, but to actually now apply that to silhouettes and things that had to still come back to athleticism, I had such a thrill with that challenge.

What was it like designing a line versus shopping for yourself?

Oh my gosh, big difference! When you’re shopping, too, you feel like you’re designing as you’re shopping. You’re like,

‘I love this, but I wish it was shorter or I wish it was purple. I wish it was a different fabric,’ you know. It starts there, but then when you have to start from scratch, it really comes with an idea first, and then ... you want to tweak and then you come up with something else and you want to add to it or change. It’s fun. It’s like an ocean — you can do whatever. It’s so, it’s a big canvas and Puma definitely let me have a

lot of freedom creatively so I was lucky with that.

You said this line was inspired by Japanese street culture. Do you remember your first trip to Japan? What was that like?

Supertrippy. I felt like I was on a whole other planet. I felt like I was the only person of my kind there. It was so weird. And their fashion, I felt like I was watching a hip-hop music

video, I remember. The guys all wanted to be like super-gangster and oversized this, oversized that; they were so cool. But the girls, they all walked around in thigh-high boots and tiny shorts, super-cute outfits that I knew came from hip-hop culture. It was really cool actually to see that. Actually the worst part about that trip was none of the shoes could fit me. I have big feet and they don’t. They stop at like a size six and that’s it. But it was fun. And I’ve always been inspired since that day; I’ve always been inspired by Japanese style.

You’ve always been bold and confident with your style, and people always say they like Rihanna “because she’s so real.” Have you always been confident?

I think ... I’ve always been shy.

Really?

Yes. Yes. And still you wouldn’t believe, but still I get shy and awkward and (have) stage fright. Even when I was coming here, I was at Bergdorf’s earlier, I had this fluttering in my stomach ‘cause it’s like a stage even though it wasn’t. ... I’ve always been that way, but ... I when you realize that nothing is wrong, even if it’s awkward it’s not wrong ... you kind of just are OK. Like you know it might be awkward for people or people might not understand it, but you’re fine. I wouldn’t change anything. I have to stay the same.

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INTERVIEW

Gilmore Guys podcasters take their show on the road

Impossibly quaint fictional town Stars Hollow may not seem an appropriate arena for caustic debate — that is, if you’ve never met a hardcore Gilmore Girls fan.

And when it comes to the motor-mouthed mother-daughter duo, devotees hardly come more fervent than Demi Adejuyigbe and Kevin T. Porter.

The Gilmore Guys podcasters have taken their talent for analyzing the beloved seven-season family-drama saga — soon to be revived by Netflix! — on the road with an interactive show. And, well, we grilled Adejuyigbe and Porter for their opinions on the most divisive Gilmore debates around.

Which of Rory’s long-term boyfriends do you prefer: Logan, Jess, or Dean?

Porter: Man, I think it’s OK if we just take Dean out of the equation 100 per cent. On an episode to episode basis, Logan is actually kind of a great boyfriend: really functional, good for her. But at the end of the day, the only one that makes sense out of those three is Mr. Jess Mariano. I don’t think she will end up with him but, out of those three, I’d have to pick him.

Adejuyigbe: I would begrudgingly say Jess; he averages out to the best even though he’s had some huge mess-ups in his characterization. By the end of his role, he’s the best person, though I don’t know if he’s the best for Rory.

Let’s talk Christopher: misunderstood or the worst?

Porter: He’s pretty misunderstood. It’s easy to vilify him because the writers and the show directly pit him against the main love interest (Luke). But he’s a good dude. And I ac-

tually think his chemistry with Lorelai is superior to Luke’s in a lot of ways. I really get Christopher and Lorelai in a way I sometimes don’t get Luke and Lorelai.

Adejuyigbe: Christopher’s misunderstood in the earlier seasons, but as we get through Season 7, I start to believe he’s truly the worst. He gives up pretty easily on his relationship with Lorelai in the seventh season, after misinterpreting some things in her interactions with Luke. That’s a stupid move and it shows he wasn’t so into the marriage as he had claimed to be. Christopher freaks out because he thinks Lorelai might not love him as much as he thought, but she still clearly loves him. It’s really bad the way he reacts to her feelings.

Should anyone watch Season 7?

Porter: You could skip it and you wouldn’t miss that much. I just pretended the show got cancelled after Season 6 and I never watched



Gilmore Girls fans and podcasters Demi Adejuyigbe (left) and Kevin T. Porter. CONTRIBUTED

Season 7 until recently. It does have some merits, but it’s a hard season to recommend in this time of peak TV. It’s just OK. Parts of it are disastrous, but overall it’s going to be like a meal from McDonald’s: it’ll go down OK with some possible harsh side effects.

Adejuyigbe: Season 7’s

pretty good. I don’t think it’s as bad as anyone says it is. They made some bold decisions. Splitting Lorelai and Luke is upsetting at first, but once you realize why they do it, it’s a big move because you want them back together. It’s so well built you’re wanting it to happen even if you do like Christopher.

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Perspective of neither him nor her, but *hijra*

INTERVIEW

Anosh Irani's novel explores daily lives of a 'third gender'

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



When Anosh Irani was a young boy, up until about the age of eight, his family lived in a compound about 100 metres away from Bombay's red-light district, where the sex workers would line up in the evenings. Even as a child, walking by the area with his mother or riding past on a bus, Irani recalls being haunted and fascinated by what he witnessed.

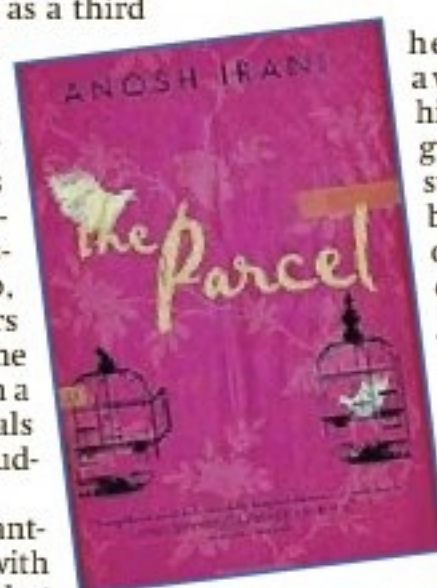
That district is also home to many hijra, a group that uniquely identifies as a third gender, neither man nor woman. Objectified, reviled and yet wanted for their blessings, it is a culture that operates on a guru-disciple relationship, where its members are welcomed into the community through a unique set of rituals and practices, including castration.

Irani knew he wanted to write a novel with a hijra protagonist, but it took a decade before the Vancouver-based playwright and author felt ready to write *The Parcel*, about a young boy named Madhu who feels born into the wrong body, and spends a lifetime trying to find love and acceptance.

The story follows Madhu from his early years, when



Anosh Irani has longed to write a novel with a hijra protagonist after growing up close to the chaos and colour of Bombay's red-light district. RAFFI ANDERIAN



he is taken away from his family by a gurumai, and subsequently becomes one of the most desired hijra. We meet Madhu again later in life, when, as a beggar, she is tasked to prepare a "parcel": a young girl who has been sold into prostitution.

"I don't think I would have ever written this book if I hadn't been born just outside the district," Irani says. "I wouldn't have had the courage. I wouldn't have had the confidence. I'm writing both as an insider and an outsider."

Irani, who travels back to Bombay for several months every year to visit family, would spend hours walking through the city. It was only after he finished a couple drafts of *The Parcel* did he actually interview a hijra, to ensure his novel was factually correct.

"There are different ways of coming to the truth and fiction is one of the best, most complex ways to get an incredible amount of depth," he says. "The good thing about being in a city like Bombay is that you can be invisible very fast. You go there, you walk, you overhear things but you observe. Research for me is observation of the actual physicality of the place."

One of Irani's observations was that despite the often horrific conditions, there was humour to be found, which he

deliberately wove throughout the story.

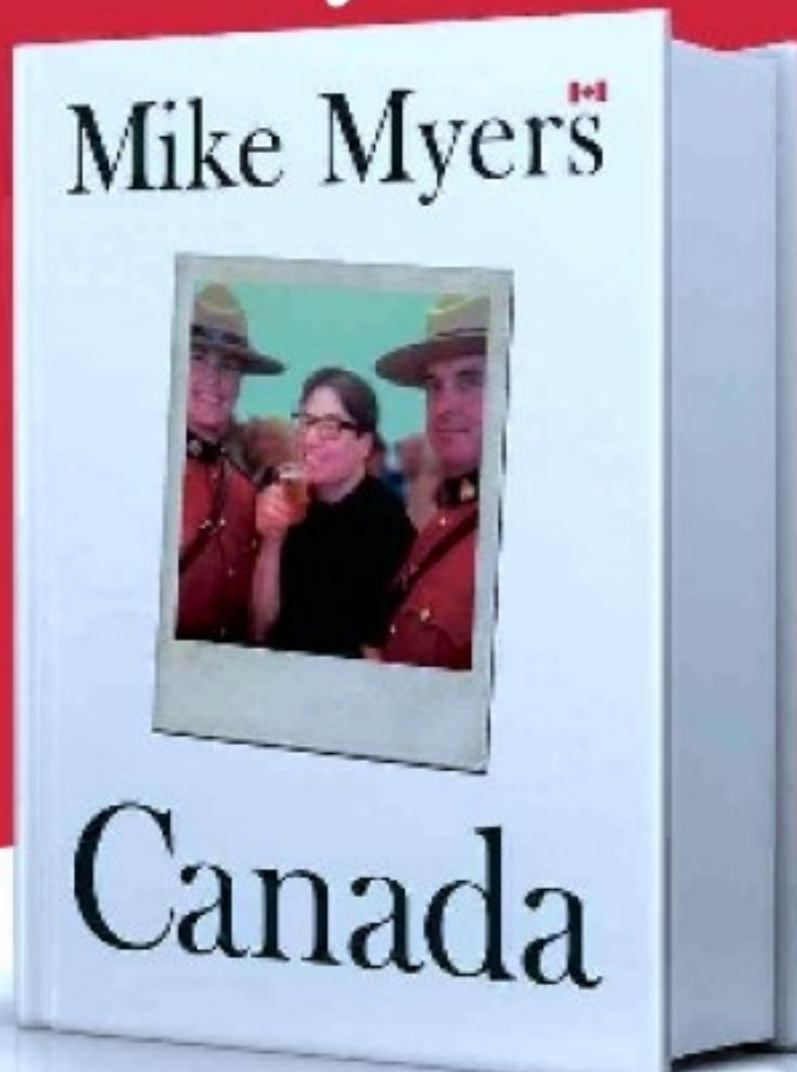
"It comes from the street level, and just listening to how people speak, you get the sense that it's very alive," he says. "Often times humour comes from pain, but it is very much part of that world. Also, as a novelist, if I'm writing something that's so realistic and in many ways really bleak, you need humour to allow the reader to continue."

Although the Western world is finally coming to terms with trans rights and the fluidity of gender, Irani's motives for writing the book were not political.

"I feel very privileged to be able to do this because there were moments when I was there — once you see something you can't not see it. Once you know something, you can't erase it from your memory," he says.

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T.O.'s Tip Top design legacy



The Tip Top Lofts by Context Developments is an ornate Art Deco 1920s-era condo conversion on the Lake Shore. Bottom left: College Park is an Art Deco building that has been renovated for residences. Bottom right: The Vanguard condos have a classic style. MAIN PHOTO COURTESY CONTEXT; COLLEGE PARK: DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO; VANGUARD COURTESY DEVRON

CONDO TRENDS

Older architectural styles still influential

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada



Our city of glass condominium towers evolved from earlier architectural styles that defined the eras prior to Toronto's great millennial condo boom. And there are some who long for a return to a more classic and elegant approach.

Toronto is home to many fine examples of Art Deco-styled buildings, a number of which have been transformed into modern condo spaces. The Tip Top Lofts by Context Developments is an ornate 1920s-era building on the Lake Shore, designed by Bishop and Miller architects that underwent a complete makeover in 2002.

The brutalist style of the 1960s and '70s, popular in Toronto's civic architecture, had an influence on residential highrise design, like the Alan Brown Building on Elm Street. Built in 1982 and named in memory of Dr. Alan Brown, the apartment is owned by The Hospital for Sick Children, and is clad in exposed, textured concrete.

One of the more notable transformations is the

Merchandise Lofts on Dalhousie Street, a classic example of early 20th-century Chicago School architectural style. Home of the historic Sears warehouse, the building was purchased by Cresford Developments and transformed into 600 loft-style suites complete with modern amenities.

The Cubist style, a favourite of the RAW studio and Stephen Teeple architects, is popping up in midrise developments across the city. Totem condos at Yonge and Dundonald Streets is one example designed by Roland Rohm Colthoff of RAW. It consists of a series of carefully stacked, illuminated boxes that shift left and right as the eye draws skyward.

In what may be the city's

"I think the era of the glass box is ending."

Cliff Korman, architect

latest condo trend, is a gradual return to the Classical style of architecture, as residents yearn for a feeling of home.

"I think the era of the glass box is ending," says Cliff Korman, principal of Kirkor Architects, the company that designed The Vanguard condos by Devron Developments in Markham.

"We've pushed glass to the limit and we've also had some problems with it," says Korman. "I think buildings that are a little more solid citizen represent a more timeless view of the universe, and some of our work is moving in that direction."

With The Vanguard, Kirkor aimed to design a modern yet classic building, and was drawn to the work of one of the great classic architects of our time, Robert Stern.

"I think you're seeing a return to people, when they buy residential, they want it to feel like a home and I think you're seeing some of that return to the marketplace," says Korman.



REAL ESTATE

What's hot on the market around the Toronto region

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Mississauga: Here's a large top floor two bedroom plus den corner suite showing in Mississauga this weekend. Check it out at 5025 Harvard Rd., Sept. 10 and 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. Contact: Stacey Robinson, Royal LePage Realty Plus, Brokerage. 905-464-7653

2 NEW RELEASE

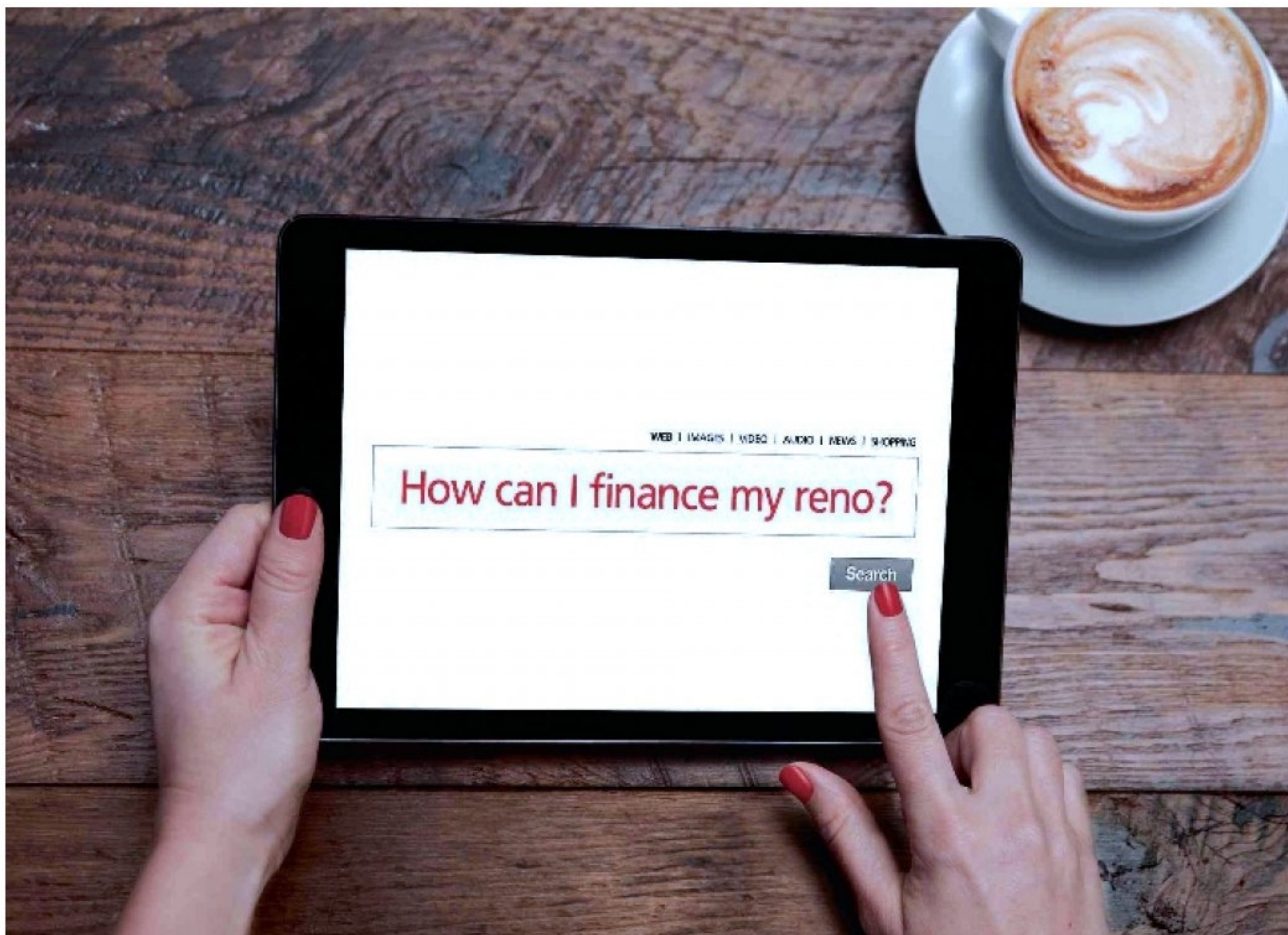
Maple: One-bedroom and one-plus-den suites are coming to Indigo condos in Maple. Head over to the presentation centre at 1860 Major Mackenzie Dr., units 7 and 8. Contact: 905-553-1430, pembertongroup.com

3 PHOTO EVENT

Yorkville: Brandy Lane Homes presents an exhibit of celebrity photographer George Pimentel's photos. Check it out at the Davies Condo presentation centre, 281 Avenue Rd., until Sept. 18. Contact: 647-360-9588, thedavies.com

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Project overview

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Housing amenities

The condo is highlighted by a large park, figure eight-shaped walking path and a children's playground, with more than 25,000 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor amenity spaces, designed to engage and encourage an active social lifestyle.

In the area

Multiple retail options are available at this highly-walkable location, like the Shops at Don Mills and Real Canadian Superstore. Area highlights include the Science Centre and the Aga Khan Museum.

Location and transit

Sonic boasts a transit score of 70 per cent, and is located across from the future Science Centre Station, part of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT line. Drivers are adjacent to the Don Valley Parkway, allowing quick access to downtown.

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Architect: Page + Steele/IBI Group Architects
Interiors: U31 Inc.
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Sizes: From 339 to 941 sq. ft.

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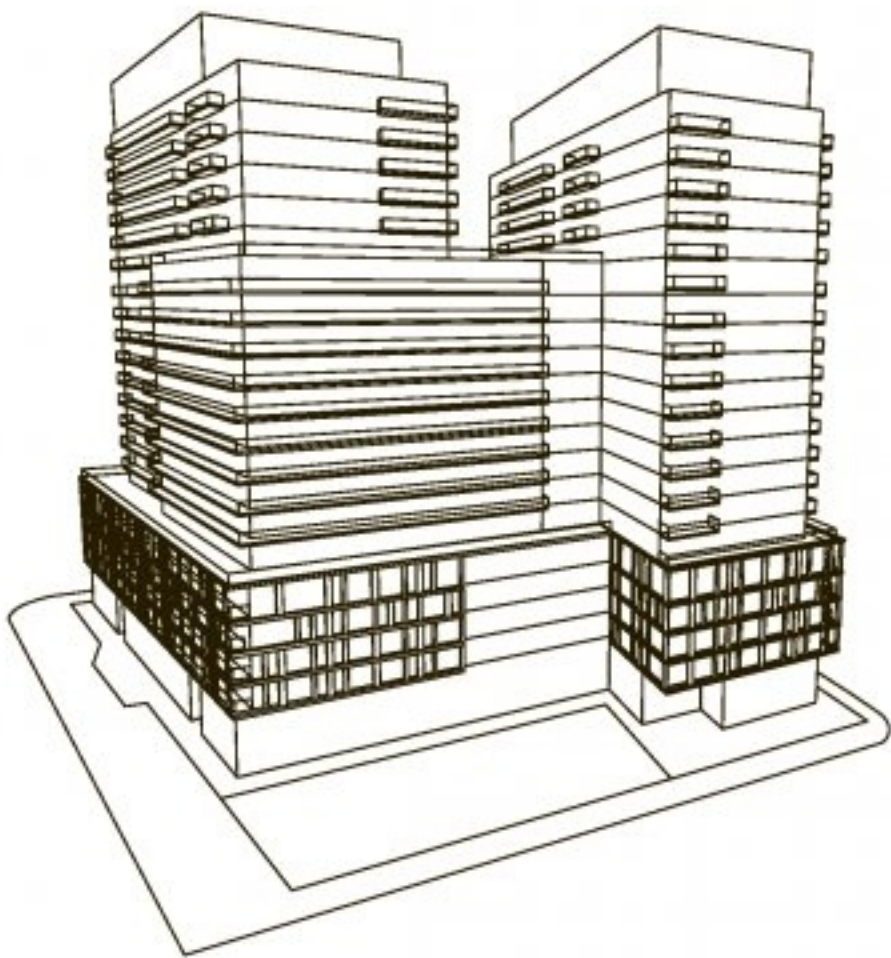


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If you were trying for a second mortgage to pay off debt and the taxman puts a lien on your home, it is probably best to call Revenue Canada and try to negotiate a deal. iSTOCK

LEGAL MATTERS

When the taxman liens in

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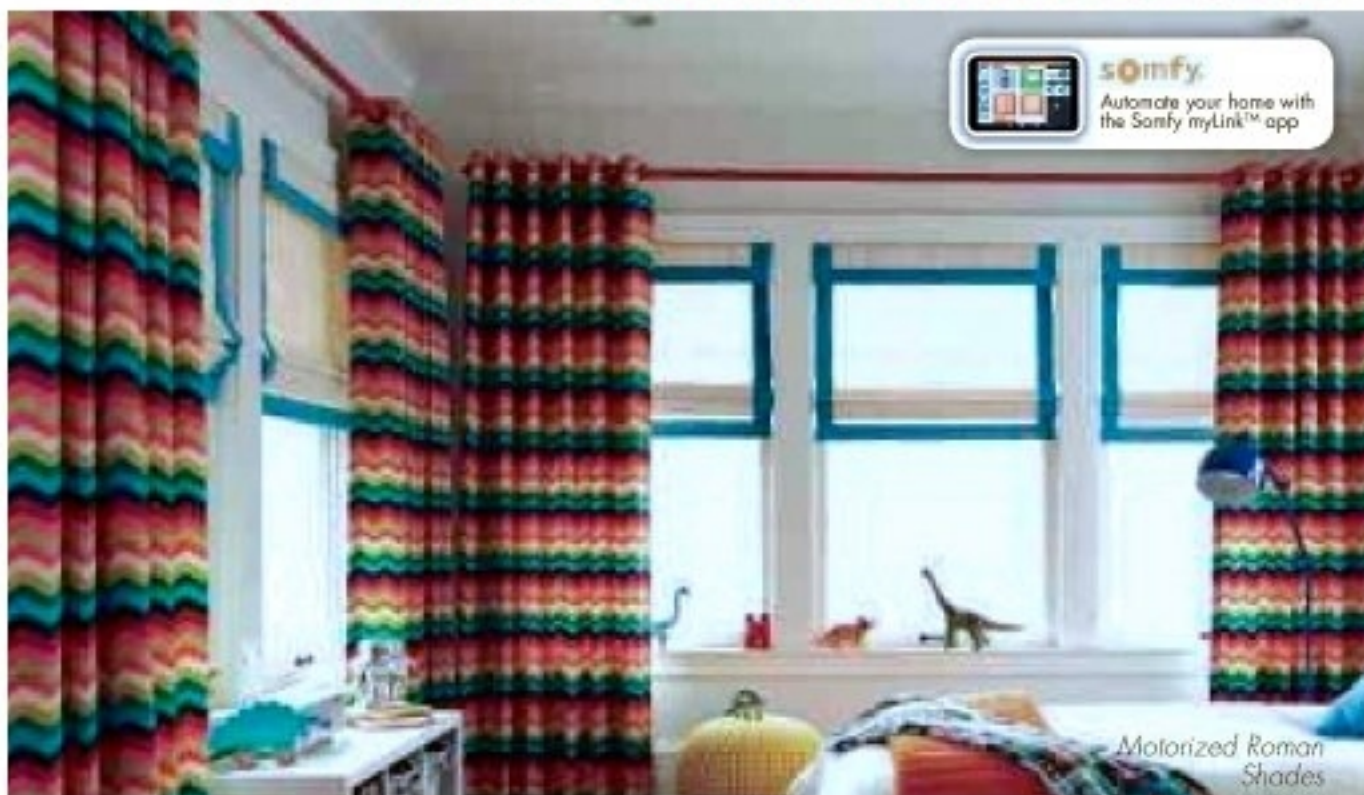
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A: When Revenue Canada has back taxes owing, they will bring a court action to obtain judgement against a debtor and then they can lien their property. This protects their position so that if the property is sold, they will get

their back tax. In this case, the debt was small enough that the second mortgage would more than cover the payment necessary. I would counsel you to reach out to Revenue Canada and negotiate with them to allow the removal of the lien with your lawyer's undertaking that they will pay the back taxes from the mortgage funds. Without this agreement, Revenue Canada is highly unlikely to lift the lien. Good luck.

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Toronto looks for new revenue tools

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada



You have probably heard that the City of Toronto is dealing with deficit woes and you should be aware of some of the potential ways that are being looked at to fill the budget gap.

To deal with a projected gap of \$483 million for 2017, the city is looking at an array of proposed new revenue tools including taxes on entertainment, tobacco and alcohol, road tolls and a municipal sales tax.

Also under consideration are a new parking tax and increased development and land transfer fees which would have significant impacts on consumers and businesses.

BILD has been working with a coalition of business and real estate organizations that is studying the potential effects of these additional taxes on businesses and consumers.

The parking tax would hurt local businesses, plus the complexity involved in administering the new tax would be difficult and likely render it ineffective.

The new parking tax would impose a per day, per spot fee to all businesses who provide parking to their customers across the city. It would be a substantial business tax increase, and in fact a duplicate tax because commercial parking spaces are already included as part of property assessments.

A tax on parking spots could

have a detrimental impact on the city's business competitiveness and economic development. Small businesses would likely be hardest hit, especially those in strip malls. More strain to their bottom line could make it tough for them to continue operating.

The actual process of identifying which businesses require to pay for which parking spaces would be complex and difficult to track.

“Overall, a new parking tax is unlikely to be an efficient predictable revenue stream.”

Some spots are shared and others are tax exempt such as spaces belonging to hospitals and other public institutions. It also would depend on the city's inventory of parking spaces being up-to-date.

Overall, a new parking tax is unlikely to be an efficient predictable revenue stream and would more likely become an administrative nightmare.

The City of Vancouver introduced a similar tax in 2006 and of the 29,600 assessment notices issued, 17 per cent were appealed in the first year at a great administrative cost to the municipality.

In 2007, Toronto considered a parking tax but dismissed it

due to low projected revenue, administrative challenges and concerns over transparency around the collection of charges and the impact it could have on large malls and other retailers that provide free parking such as grocery stores, shopping centres and strip malls.

The city is also considering increasing development fees and land transfer taxes, which would result in a big impact on anyone thinking of buying a home.

Today, these fees are already a significant portion of the cost of a home. People pay provincial and municipal land transfer tax on resale homes and development fees and charges make up about one-fifth of the cost of new homes.

Toronto needs to take a harder look at their long-term vision to be financially sustainable but this should be done in a way that is economically competitive for our business owners, equitable and transparent and does not make the housing affordability challenge worse.

Expect to hear more about this in the months to come. City staff will be presenting their recommendations on the tools to council this fall.

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- Super glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush

Step 2: Get painting

Apply a coat of paint to the wooden plate. Let dry.

Step 3: Glue it

Apply some of the super glue to the flat side of the pedestal and press into place in the centre of the plate. Let the glue dry. Let the glue holding the cake stand together dry completely before moving or using. Check manufacturers' directions for appropriate drying time.

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UPCYCLE

Don't know what to do with grandma's old china set? Cake stands are a great way to repurpose old dishes



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Out of golf for more than a year, Tiger Woods said he hopes to play next month at the Safeway Open in Napa, Calif.

Wise beyond their years

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Young North American team has veterans it can lean on

Team North America head coach Todd McLellan has "young experience" on his squad that may end up playing a key role in the World Cup of Hockey.

While teenagers like Connor McDavid and Auston Matthews will get most of the attention during the eight-team tournament, there are a handful of players on the roster who are not all that young, at least in terms of NHL experience.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins of the Edmonton Oilers and Sean Couturier of the Philadelphia Flyers have spent the last five seasons in the NHL, piling up more than 300 games apiece. Brandon Saad of the Columbus Blue Jackets has played 286 regular-season games in four seasons, but also has 67 playoff games under his belt and won a pair of Stanley Cups while with the Chicago Blackhawks.

"There are times in games and in locker-rooms where we'll have to settle down a bit," McLellan said Wednesday. "We may get running around. Not panicking, but a little nervous."

"That's where being young comes in. But we have some players — (Nathan) MacKinnon, Nugent-Hopkins, Couturier — who have played a long time in

the league now. They should be relied on as the guys that can settle things down and say, 'OK let's get back to our structure and play as a team and we'll be fine.'"

The North American team includes players from Canada and the United States who are 23 or younger.

Couturier, who has a team-high 350 NHL games on his resumé, is centring the checking line with Vincent Trocheck of the Florida Panthers (146 games) and J.T. Miller of the New York Rangers (196) and is expected to be a top penalty killer.

"I was lucky enough to have him at the world championships in 2015," said McLellan. "He played a huge role in our success there."

"Very good at penalty killing and in the faceoff circle. Responsible all over the rink. It's nice to have that type of player on your team."

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BACK IN GOAL

Carey Price will play his first game in 289 days when he starts Canada's World Cup of Hockey exhibition opener on Friday against the United States.

Price missed most of last season with a sprained medial collateral ligament.



PARALYMPICS LET THE GAMES BEGIN The Canadian delegation arrives to the opening ceremony of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Wednesday. Flag-bearer David Eng, a two-time gold medalist in wheelchair basketball, knelt on one knee when he entered Maracana Stadium and gave a fierce wave of the Maple Leaf. "This is a moment I will cherish forever," Eng said. "I'm feeling so blessed." SILVIA IZQUIERDO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Yankees complete 3-game sweep of Jays

Bryan Mitchell earned his first major-league win, combining with Luis Severino and Tyler Clippard to shut down the dangerous Toronto Blue Jays, and the New York Yankees kept up their surprising surge with a 2-0 victory Wednesday night that completed a three-game sweep.

The Yankees have won four straight and 10 of 14. They closed to within 3-1/2 games behind skidding Toronto, which began the night tied with Boston atop the AL East.

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Noise rattles Murray in U.S. Open quarter-final loss

Andy Murray dropped seven consecutive games after a let call caused by a loud noise in the arena's speaker system during a fourth-set point and lost to Kei Nishikori 1-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 in a riveting U.S. Open quarter-final Wednesday.

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F1 purchased for \$8B

Formula One is being bought by Liberty Media, a U.S. company that invests in entertainment and sports, in a takeover valuing the motorsport series at \$8 billion.

The transition is due to be overseen by F1 CEO Bernie Ecclestone, who told The Associated Press that he will retain his role as the sport enters a new era.

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Kaepernick buoyed by Obama support

NFL

49ers pivot will continue protest ahead of new season

Colin Kaepernick was encouraged that President Barack Obama recently weighed in on his national anthem protest by praising him for generating conversation about social issues.

Obama said Monday that he had no doubt that the San Francisco 49ers quarterback is sincere and "cares about some real, legitimate issues." He also said approvingly that Kaepernick has generated more national conversation about "issues that need to be talked about" since his refusal to stand for the anthem became public less than two weeks ago.

"He's someone who also realizes there's many issues that need to be addressed and need changing in this country," Kaepernick said Wednesday. "I think a lot of the initial shock



Colin Kaepernick GETTY IMAGES

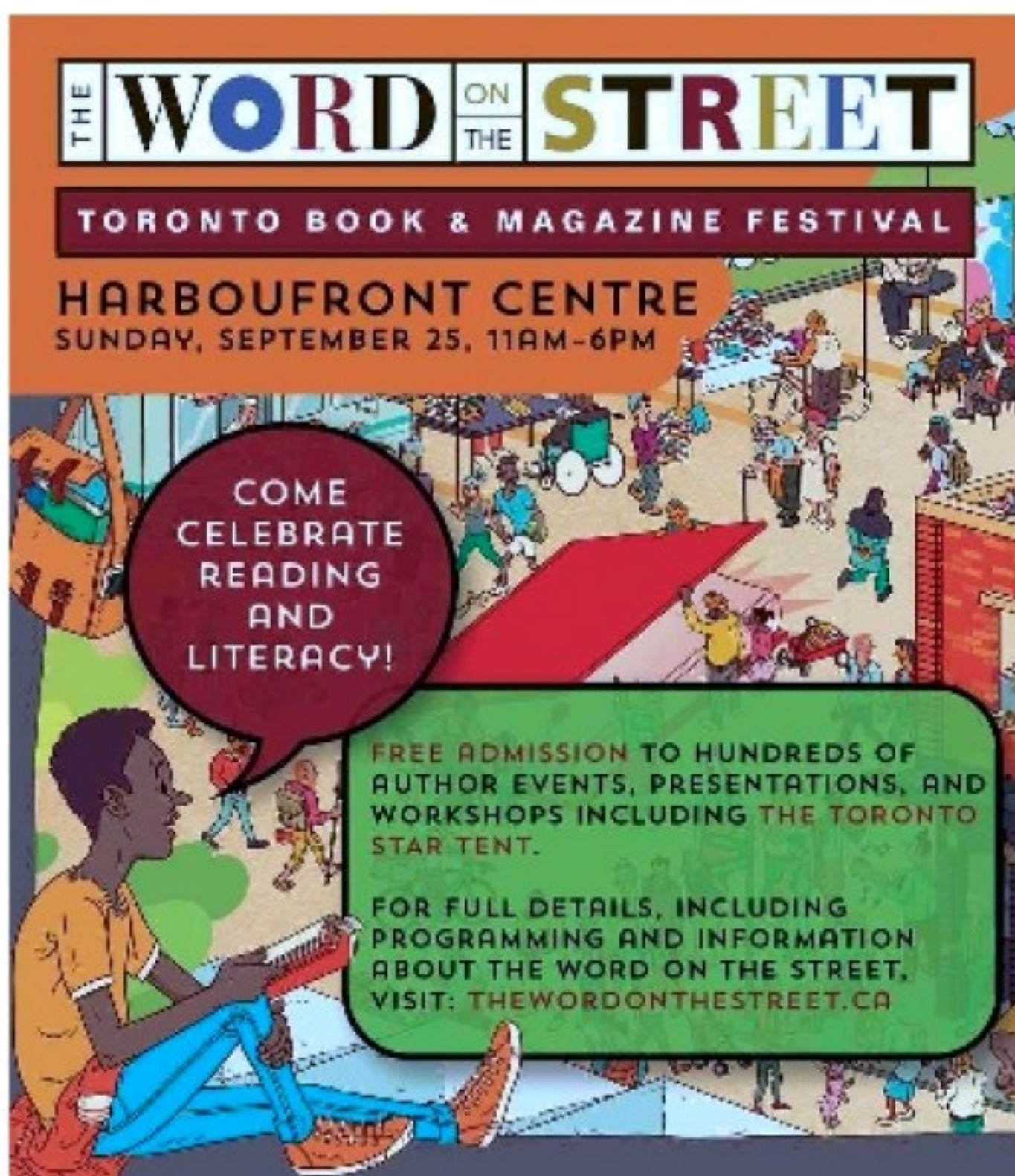
of what the protest was about and the kind of significance of that was lost in the action and the message wasn't really addressed. I think that was great that he came out and supported the message that we do need to make changes in these areas."

Kaepernick did not stand for the national anthem all preseason and his protest became public after he sat before a home game against Green Bay on Aug. 26. Kaepernick has cited racial injustice and police brutality among the many reasons for his actions and said he plans to

continue to not stand for the anthem during the regular season.

Kaepernick kneeled during the anthem last Thursday in San Diego with teammate Eric Reid in a move meant to show more respect to some military members who had been critical of the protest. Seattle defensive back Jeremy Lane also joined in by sitting before his team's game in Oakland last week. Seahawks receiver Doug Baldwin said Wednesday that he is considering joining the protest as well but wants "to get all my ducks in a row before I do so."

"I think it's something where there's a lot of players that really feel the same way," Kaepernick said. "They're just nervous about consequences that come along with it." Kaepernick plans to continue the protest when the regular season starts next Monday against the Los Angeles Rams. He said he would refuse to stand for the anthem even if the Niners opened the season like most teams on Sunday, which is the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Giovinco ahead of schedule as internationals return to TFC



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After another day of training under a blistering hot, late-summer sun, things were suddenly looking brighter for Toronto FC.

In the aftermath of a scheduled bye week, the Reds got back a handful returning bodies from international duty and

passed along some good news regarding a certain league MVP.

Yes, it seems TFC erred on the conservative side with last week's estimate that Sebastian Giovinco would be out for four weeks with adductor and quadriceps strains. Manager Greg Vanney said Wednesday at the Reds' Downsview Park training facility that the Atomic Ant could be available more than a week ahead of schedule for Toronto's next home game on Sept. 18 against Eastern Conference rival New York Red Bulls.

"He's a strong guy and he's working. I'm always optimistic," Vanney said.

"Ultimately my optimism will be proven right or wrong come mid-next week. But I'm optimistic because it's a

good game for us against a conference rival."

Add to Vanney's reasons for optimism the key returns of Americans Michael Bradley and Jozy Altidore, Canadian forward Tosaint Ricketts and newly acquired Panamanian midfielder Armando Cooper who are all expected to be available for this Saturday's match at the Chicago Fire.

Altidore, Bradley and Coop-

er's countries advanced to CONCACAF's World Cup qualifying Hex while Ricketts' Canada was eliminated despite a 3-1 win over El Salvador Tuesday, with Honduras and Mexico qualifying in Group A.

Vanney said the strong play he saw in the qualifiers from Toronto's international foursome bodes well for Saturday's match and squad depth in general.

"I'm very pleased with the guys," Vanney said. "Now it's just getting them recovered from the trips and those games and get them reintegrated back into the group and keep that form going for us. I like where we're at and we've just got to keep building."



Toronto FC stars Jozy Altidore and Sebastian Giovinco.

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Some of Canada manager Benito Floro's substitutions raised eyebrows as Les Rouges were ousted from World Cup contention.

And the fact Canadians Jonathan Osorio and Will Johnson were left behind at all had some at TFC scratching their heads too.

"(They're) the types of players, quite frankly, I think could help. But it's not for me to decide," Vanney said. "What I'm disappointed in for them is it's going to be a few years before there's a real meaningful game again in front of them to really try and make something happen."

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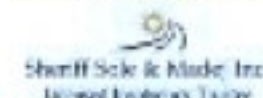
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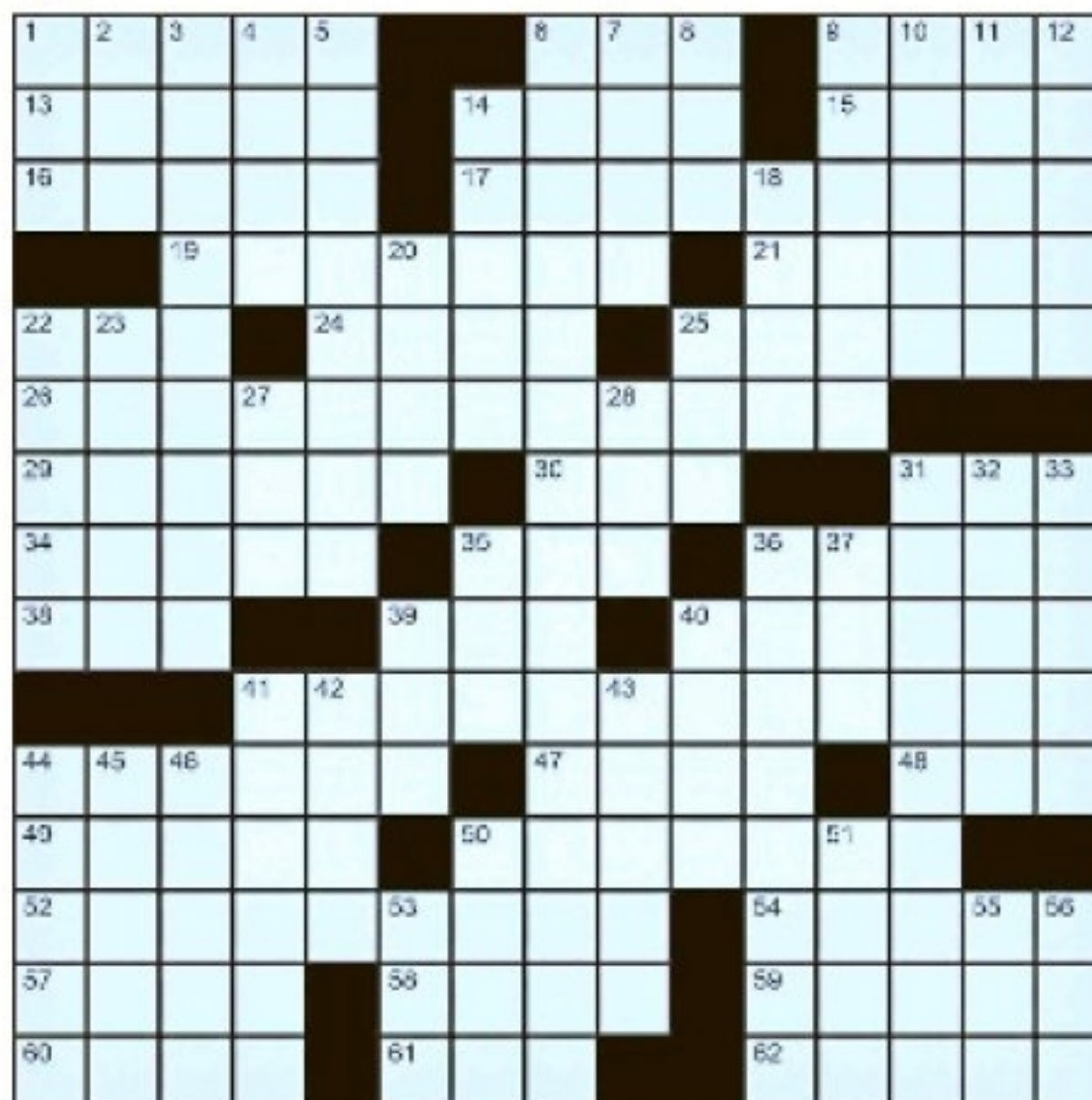
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- Some woodwinds
- Broadway star Linda
- Marry
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- (Shopper's self-reminder)

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- Norma Jean's initials-sharers
- "Ether" suffix
- Spinning top
- Lake, in Italy
- Shows affection like a puppy
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- Ms. Rand
- Says something is so
- Ice cream holders
- Use a bike

- West Yorkshire city in England
- Antelope with horns that resemble ready-to-attack snakes
- Ms. Cannon
- Make some desserts
- Atrocious
- Whimper
- 2012 Taylor Swift album
- "Tsk!"
- Atomic Number 50
- Farley in the For Better or For Worse comic strip: 2 wds.
- Anoint, archaically
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- Begin to be established: 2 wds.
- ___ The Prince of Wales
- Econ. measure
- Latin for 'onion'
- Evening star
- Car
- "And on his farm he had a cow, _ _ _ _ _"
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- Lift
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- Peter Sellers comedy, The _ (1967)
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IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Steer clear of prickly subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because this is a poor day for serious discussions. People are critical and confused. Bad combo.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Old flames are back in the picture, which means you want to look good. After all, living well is the best revenge, right?

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a great time to wrap up anything to do with home repairs. It's also a good time for family reunions and trading lies about the bad old days. Enjoy!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Tread carefully at work today, because someone could be critical of you. What might be particularly painful is due to some kind of confusion. You are completely innocent.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Children might be an increased burden or responsibility today. Certainly, there is confusion about social situations. Do not jump to any conclusions until you know what's happening.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Things are a bit tough at home today, so let sleeping dogs lie. Don't make an issue about anything. And don't believe everything you hear.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Because this is a confusing day in many ways, be careful. Guard against negative thinking; at the same time, be careful that you are not fooled! (Crazy day.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Postpone important financial decisions. Do not make them today. You have no confidence, and the facts are not reliable. You cannot trust anything.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Whatever you do today will be gained by hard work. That's OK; you're not afraid of hard effort. Nevertheless, know that things might not be as they appear.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your lack of confidence in your ideas and your purpose make this a poor day to assert yourself in any kind of important discussion. Therefore, hold back and postpone things.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do not be cowed or discouraged by someone older, who might be critical of you. (This person probably doesn't even really know who you are.)

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Avoid important decisions regarding authority figures (parents, bosses and VIPs), because no one can rely upon the information they have. Today is confusing and things are not as bad as they seem.

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